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Applicant's Response to Interview Summary

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary mailed 31 January 2002 regarding a telephonic interview of 7 January 2002 with the undersigned counsel for the Applicants, the undersigned counsel acknowledges the Examiner's assertion of a Double Patenting Rejection following the payment of the issue fee in this matter. The undersigned counsel understood that this rejection would be overcome with the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer, which was in fact filed on 14 January 2002.

The Interview Summary of 31 January 2002 indicates that no agreement was reached with the Applicants' counsel and that a response to the Interview Summary was required pursuant to MPEP 713.04. The undersigned counsel for the Applicants respectfully maintains that the Examiner intended to allow this application to issue upon filing of the requisite Terminal Disclaimer. If the Examiner does not agree with this result from the above telephonic interview,

the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the counsel for the Applicants as  
Please direct any inquiries regarding this communication to the below-signed attorney.

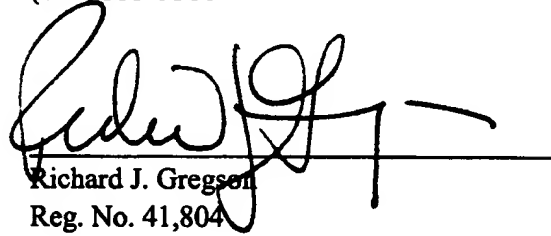


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